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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 19/May, through Sunday, 26/May there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, J8, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, R1MV, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VK9X, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

### DAYTON HAMVENTION DX DINNER BANQUET AWARDS.....

- **"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"** - Northern Ohio DX Association President Tedd Mirigliotta, KB8NW, presented Kan Mizoguchi, **JA1BK**, with this special award. NODXA Club President stated, "This award will not be issued on a yearly basis. It will only be given to those who deserve it. The award is what it says, 'Lifetime Achievement'. It will only be given to those who are recognized by the DX community and have spent much of their time organizing, advising and operating from rare and possibly new DXCC

entities."

- **"DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR"** - was awarded by the South West Ohio DX Association to the **VP6DI** operation. The award was accepted by the VP6DI team: JA1BK, K5VT, K9AJ and N9TK.
- **"DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR"** - was awarded by the South West Ohio DX Association to Ed Giorgadze, **4L4FN**, for his activity from North Korea. Ed was not present, but the award was accepted by Bernie/W3UR and Martti/OH2BH.
- Albert Bergren, **W0AR**, was named into the "**CQ DX Hall of Fame**".

**2002 KOREA DX CONVENTION.** Lee, HL1IWD, Organizing Director for the convention, informs OPDX that the "2002 Korea DX Convention" will take place between **August 31st through September 1st** in **Cheonan City** in South Korea. The programs include DXCC field checking (with the help of K3ZO) and DXpedition video and seminars. Any foreign ham friends are welcome to join!

**3XY, GUINEA.** The DL7DF crew is happy to announce its next DXpedition to Guinea using the callsign **3XY7C**. Operations will take place between **October 30th** (evening local time) and **November 13th** (noon local time). They will have several stations on the air on all bands from 160-6 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They will also make an attempt on SSTV. Their experienced crew includes Tom/DJ6TF, Dirk/DJ7UC, Manfred/DK1BT, Wolf/DL4WK, Frank/DL7UFR, Tom/DL7BO and Sigi/DL7DF. The equipment consists of 4 transceivers (2 x IC735, 2 x IC706), 2 x kW linear (maybe 3), a TH3 for 20/15/10, a A3WS (17/12), 2 Titanex V80E Lowband Verticals, a GP for 40/30, another R5 Multiband GP as well as 5 laptop computers. The QSL route is either direct or via the bureau to DL7DF. An on-line log will be available and updated during their DXpedition. For more details, check the 3XY7C website at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/3x/> Their pilot station for this DXpedition is Bernd, DF3CB ([bernd@df3cb.com](mailto:bernd@df3cb.com)).

**9A, CROATIAN ISLANDS.** Operators Neno/**9A7N/p**, Luka/**9A7Z/p**, Ante/**9A4DU/p**, and possibly two members of the radio club "Korcula" (**9A1CLM/p**), plan to visit seven Croatian islands situated on south part of the Adriatic, from **June 14-16th**. QSL via their home callsigns.

Island	IOTA	IOCA	WLHA	ARLHS
1. Bisevo,	EU-016,	CI-007,	LH-0901,	CRO-067
2. Scedro,	EU-016,	CI-127,	LH-1056,	CRO-135
3. Vis,	EU-016,	CI-142	- - - - ,	CRO-146, CRO-150
4. Jerolim,	EU-016,	CI-175	- - - - ,	CRO-161
5. Parzan,	EU-016,	CI-199		
6. Sv. Klement,	EU-016,	CI-218		
7. Ravnik,	EU-016,	CI-207		

**9H, MALTA.** Dieter, DL9GDB, will again be on the air as **9H3UT** from **June 3-22nd**. Activity will be on CW from **Comino Island**. Please QSL to DL9GDB via Bureau or direct.

**9H, MALTA.** Maurice, ON4BAM, reports that he will spend his holidays in Malta this year and has just received an E-mail confirmation of his callsign **9H3Z**. Look for him to be active from **July 15-30th** on all HF bands with his TS-450S and wire antenna on SSB and PSK. This will be a holiday style operation except during the **IOTA contest**. QSL via ON4BAM.

**9M6, EAST MALAYSIA.** Peter, G4MJS, was currently active from the Hillview Gardens Resort station 9M6AAC/9M6A in Sabah, East Malaysia. Look for activity again by **9M6AAC, June 5-7th**, with emphasis on the WARC bands and 50mhz. Also look for activity from Peter as **9M6A** (contest call for Hillview Gardens) in the **RSGB Jubilee Contest June 8-9th**. By the way, Peter was active this past weekend in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** as **9M6A**. QSL 9M6AAC and 9M6A via N2OO. Check out the following Web page:  
<http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/history/qsl-n2oo.htm>

**9U, BURUNDI.** Gus, SM5DIC/9U5D, informs OPDX that his good friend and colleague, UN Chief Communication Coordinator, Christian Alemanni in Bujumbura, Burundi, now has his Ham Radio License. His callsign is **9U5A**. The ARCT bureau accepted his application and gave him a full legal license. He will be sending a copy to ARRL DXCC to be confirmed. Christian has little experience on short wave operation, especially pile ups. He only has had a French low class license and only worked VHF traffic over repeaters back home. So, he is a new DXer, PLEASE, be patient with him. Christian will have a French ham fellow as QSL manager. More details should be forthcoming.

**ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY.** Chris Post, N3SIG, informs OPDX that he is currently back stateside. However, he will be back on **Ross Island** (AN-011) on **August 15th** and plans to be active on HF shortly after his return. He also mentions that he got approval for his Antarctic New Zealand license to be renewed, so he will have the special **ZL5CP** callsign again. He will also use **KC4/N3SIG** from **McMurdo Base Station**. His QSL Manager will be AI3D for both callsigns.

**BQ9, PRATAS ISLAND.** The Chinese Taipei Amateur Radio League (CTARL) announces its 7th DXpedition to Pratas Island. The callsign issued will be **BQ9P**. Operation will commence on or about 0900z on **June 4th**, and will end at approximately 2300z on **June 12th**. Operators include BV4FH/Paul (Team Leader), BV5CR/Wong, BV3FG/Robert, K4WA/Steven, K5YY/Sanford, W5FI/Gary and W0IZ/Igor. The team plans to operate 5 stations on all bands, 6 meters to 160 meters. QSL cards can be obtained via KU9C. Please Note:

- there will be no on-line logs for this operation.
- a pilot station will be announced shortly.
- Operating frequencies will be announced shortly.

Transportation costs and other DXpedition expenses are estimated at 8,000 USD. Donations will be graciously accepted with your QSL card, or in advance of the operation via KU9C. Any questions, comments, etc... Please contact Steve KU9C at: [ku9c@arrl.net](mailto:ku9c@arrl.net)

**DX VIDEO REVIEW (by Tedd, KB8NW).** \*\*\*\*\* The "VP8THU South Sandwich 2002" video is another fine addition to my James Brooks, 9V1YC, collection. As always, James's video photography is top notch, and brings this cold Antarctic island right into your living room. I would have to call this operation "EXTREME DXing". The Southern Thule Island (part of the South Sandwich Island Group) has been called by other expeditioners the "most horrible place on Earth". This video shows you the "extreme conditions and challenges" the VP8THU team went through just to air this rare entity. There is some beauty on the island as well as some historical information provided on the video. This video makes you appreciate the VP8THU's hard work as operators and devotion to DXing. The video is available at the following Web site at: <http://home1.pacific.net.sg/~jamesb/vp8thuvideo.htm>

**C31, ANDORRA (YL Op).** Look for well known YL DXer Denise, F6HWU, to be active for three days as **C31YL** between **May 29-31st**. This expedition was possible due to both the Clipperton DX Club and URA staff's efforts. Activity will be on HF CW only from URA Radio club station, open daily from 0600z to 2000z. She may try to activate the WARC bands. The QSL cards go exclusively to URA Bureau.

**FR/T, TROMELIN.** It has been reported by Jean-Louis, F5UJK, DX Manager on the Web page <http://www.radioamateur.org>, that Jacques, **FR5ZU**, has **cancelled** all his future ham activities on Tromelin Island which had been planned from June to July 2002. After DINA's storm disaster on Reunion Island, all Jacques' aerial gear had been completely destroyed. At the moment Jacques is looking for a new vertical (R8 or MA5B-HF) at a reasonable price. If you can or want to help Jacques, you can reach him at his E-mail address: [jacques.quillet@wanadoo.fr](mailto:jacques.quillet@wanadoo.fr) They are hoping he can be active next year from either Tromelin or Europa.

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN.** Klaus, DL7NS, will be active as **HB0/DL7NS** from **June 1-12th** from **Triesenberg**. Activity will be on the WARC bands CW with 100 watts + GP. QSL via DL7NS; OK via Bureau or direct.

**GM7V TEAM.** Chris, GM3WOJ, informs OPDX that the GM7V team will be busy in 2002. The GM7V team is going to be active as **GB5HQ, GS2MP, GM0F, GM5A, GM4YXI, GD6IA, 9M2/GM4YXI** (from rare IOTAs **AS-074** and **AS-046**) and **GM7V**. Please visit their newly updated web site for more information, plus contest stories and photos at: <http://www.gm7v.com>

## IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW.** Steve, OM3JW, reported that the IOTA expedition to **Habbibas Island** was **cancelled**. He states that he is frustrated and it was a big disappointment for him. They spent a lot of time with preparations for this project. At the end of February, they received the licence from Algerian PTT with special callsign 7W4HI and permission to transport two transceivers to Habbibas Island. Everything was OK until Monday, May 13th. A group of operators were flying from Alger to Oran on Tuesday, May 14th, at 0800z, but on the morning at 0700z, they received a message that permission for landing on the island with equipment must be given by the Army, not the PTT. They didn't want to issue any permission. However, Ivan, OM3CGN, who flew to Alger a few days earlier to be sure that everything was OK, did receive permission to land on the island the day he departed from Algeria. Steve states, "Hrane, YT1AD, may have stated 'never more North Korea', I say 'never more Algeria'...."
- **AS-079.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active from **Miyako Island** (Miyako-jima Hirara-city Okinawa-ken) as **JI3DST/6** from **June 1-3rd**. Activity will be on 17/15/12/10/6/2 meters SSB (main bands 6 and 2 meters). He will be looking for AF and SA on 6m. QSL via the Bureau (BUREAU is best).
- **AS-118.** Hamad, 9K2HN, reports that the **9K2F** IOTA operation has been **delayed**. They are still waiting for approval to operate from the island.
- **EU-006.** Alan, EI8EM, informs OPDX that the Limerick Radio Club trip to Inisheer Aran Islands due to be held this past weekend, May 24-26th, had to be **cancelled** at short notice due to the Ferry not being able to sail due to 60 mph winds and 20 ft.waves at the departing pier. The Club hopes to re-arrange this trip in a few weeks time.

- **EU-007.** John/EI4GK and Declan/EI9HQ had planned to activate EU-007 during the past week, but heavy seas and stormy weather prevented them reaching the island. They hope to try again during the coming week. Look for them using the callsigns **EJ4GK** and **EJ9HQ** on all bands 80-10 meters SSB between **May 29th and June 2nd**. They may also try some 6m and PSK31.
- **EU-091.** During the upcoming **IOTA Contest**, the operators of "Salento DX Team" from Lecce, will be active from **Grande Island** (I.I.A. LE-002) with the special call "**II7GR**". QSL Manager is I7YKN (ex-I0YKN) via the bureau, or direct c/o IK7JWX ([www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)).
- **EU-101.** Operators OH6NJ, OH6XX, OH6UV, OH6HJE and OH6MTG will activate **Bjorkon Island** as **OH6AW** starting **June 8th**. Activity will be on HF, 6m, 2m and 70cm. They will depart for EU-184 on June 12th (see below).
- **EU-122.** Operators from the Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society will operate as **GN3XRQ** from **Rathlin Island** from **May 31st through June 3rd**. They expect to be active on 80-10 meters mostly SSB, with some CW.
- **EU-133.** Dennis/RZ1AK, Vlad/UA1CIO and Tim/UA3DPB are going to be active as **RK1A/p** from **Reymosar Island** (RRA 01-17) on **May 26-28th**. QSL via RZ1AK either direct or through the bureau.
- **EU-136.** Emir, 9A6AA, plans to visit several North Adriatics islands. The first of them will be the island and lighthouse of **Zeca** on **July 26-27th**. Look for him on 7070 kHz or 14260 kHz. Other reference numbers are CI-146 (IOCA), LH-1537 (WLHA) and CRO-201 (ARLHS). Emir will arrive on the island during the evening of **July 26th**, and plans to be active as soon as possible - at the latest early morning, (at 0300z on July 27th). Next island will be the Island of **Visoki** (CI-225 and CRO-189) on the evening of **July 27th**. Check his Web site for more info at: <http://www.qsl.net/9a6aa/>
- **EU-184.** Operators OH6NJ, OH6UV, OH6HJE and OH6MTG will activate **Hailuoto Island** as **OH6AW/8** from **June 12-15th**. Activity will be on HF, 6m, 2m and 70cm.
- **SA-021.** Mariano, LU4EJ, will be active from **Ariadna Island**, which is about 38 miles south of Bahia Blanca and in the Altantic Ocean, from **October 4-6th**. This will be the first time amateur radio will be activating the island. He will use the callsign **LU4EJ/D**. Suggested SSB frequencies are: 3680, 7080, 14260, 14200, 21260, 21300, 28460, 28560 and 50110 kHz. QSL via LU4EJ.

**KH0, MARIANA ISLAND.** Hiroyasu/JA4RED and Yasuo/JH4RLY will be active from Saipan as **KH0/JH4RLY** and **KH0/JA4RED** for four days between **June 14-17th**. Activity will be above 40 meters on SSTV, PSK31, and RTTY.

**KL5, ALASKA (IOTA Op).** Lanny, W5BOS, will activate IOTA **NA-121, Walrus Isls**, Alaska, **July 8-10th**. His callsign will be **W5BOS/KL5**. Operation will be on 20-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via W5BOS direct or via the bureau.

#### LIGHTHOUSE NEWS AND ACTIVITY.....

- **PanAmerican Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend.** Activity will be on all modes and sponsored by the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society from 0001z, **August 3rd** through 2359z, **August 4th**. Suggested frequencies are:
  - **CW** -- 1830, 3530, 7030, 14030, 21030, 28030 kHz
  - **SSB** -- 1970, 3970, 7270, 14270, 21370, 28370 kHz.

Exchange: ARLHS member or lighthouse number or year first licensed, name, and SPC.

For complete guidelines and awards, see the Web site at:  
<http://www.waterw.com/%7eweidner/arlhs/page3c.html> Or send a1 SASE to ARLHS,  
Box 2178, Riverton, NJ 08077.

- Look for Finn, OZ4EL, to be active from the **Danish Sletterhage Lighthouse** (DEN-043) in central Jutland **now through June 7th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters mostly SSB but with some CW. QSL via OZ4EL either direct or through the bureau. ADDED NOTE: Finn is the President of the Danish Lighthouse Society and Chairman of the Radio Amateur Lighthouse Group Sletterhage. Check out the following Web page for more details on these two groups at: <http://home19.inet.tele.dk/fyrttaarn/> and <http://home19.inet.tele.dk/lhouse/>

**NCDXF PRESS RELEASE.** Beginning May 22, 2002, **Northern California DX Foundation** (NCDXF) librarian duties will be assumed by Dick Wilson, K6LRN. Dick will process all requests for NCDXF's video lending program. Any individual or group wishing to borrow a video from NCDXF should contact Dick as follows: Dick Wilson, K6LRN, P. O. Box 273, Somerset, CA 95684-0273 (E-mail: [k6lrn@arrl.net](mailto:k6lrn@arrl.net)) Information pertaining to the Northern California DX Foundation is available at: <http://www.ncdx.org>

**NEW DX CLUB FORMED.** A new DX club has been formed in Spokane, WA, called **Spokane DX Association (SDXA)**. The club officers are:

President	-	Gary, K7OX	Secretary	-	Charles, WA7LT
V. President	-	Randy, K7TQ	Treasurer	-	Mary, AA7RT

Anyone interested in DX/Contesting may contact any of the club officers. The club meets the first Thursday of every month and has 21 members at the present.

**P4, ARUBA.** Look for Dick/W3RM and Mike/N3MT to be active as **P40RM** and **P40MT**, respectively, from **May 29th through June 19th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters mainly CW, with some SSB. QSL direct via their home callsigns.

**PY0/F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA.** Dennis, K7BV, informs OPDX that reports/rumors have been circulating about him being active from Fernando de Noronha between May 24th and June 1st. This information is incorrect and Dennis has not reported or released such information. However, Dennis did operate PY0F last year on those dates.

#### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- Operators YT1AD, YU1RL, YU7NU, 4N1FG and S56A were active this past weekend as **3V8BB** in the **CQ WPX Contest** as a Multi/Single entry. QSL for this operation ONLY via YT1AD.
- George Allen, K2CM, reports that he is receiving many QSL cards for **BV2A**. However, K2CM is **NOT** the QSL Manager for BV2A or any other station. The original K2CM was the QSL Manager but died many years ago. Please correct your databases, and it is recommended to send cards direct to BV2A.
- A few members of the Southern Cross DX Group (SCDXG) were active this past weekend during the CQ WPX CW Contest. Stations active were : **XQ1ZW** Op. XQ1ZW, Dan Entry: SOABLP **3G1X** Op. XQ1IDM, Nick Entry: SOABHP **CB4A** Op. CE4USW, JP Entry: SOLP (Box 128, Talca, Chile) Please QSL all via their home callsigns, except

the last one.

- **K1B** online log now contains 95127 QSOs. This log pretty much contains all QSOs from the DXpedition but K1B ops will double-check things. The log can be found at: <http://www.kragujevac.co.yu/kh1/>
- Javi, LU5FF, was active with the special callsign **L73F** in the CQ WPX CW Contest as a Single Operator/All band/Low Power entry this past weekend. QSL via LU5FF.
- Steve, KU9C, reports that he now has the QSLs and logs for the following operations: **H44DX** March-April 1998, **H40AA** April 1998, **TX0DX** March 2000
- OPDX has had a request to find out the QSL status on the **NH4/NH6YK** Midway DXpedition of August, 2001. Does someone have any up-to-date info on this or has anyone received their QSL cards?
- On May 18-19th, Maurizio, IK7DXP, activated Fano Island (Greece - IOTA EU-052) as **SV8/IK7DXP**. QSL via IK7DXP, bureau or direct (qrz.com).
- It seems Joe, N9JR, is no longer the QSL Manager for **T94B** for the last two years. Joe recommends to QSL direct. PLEASE change your databases.
- Operators N0KE, W8QZA, W1XE, CX6VM and possibly others were active as **TI5N** as a QRP Multi-Multi entry in 2002 CQ WPX CW this past weekend from TI5KD's contest station. QSL Manager for this contest (and always) for TI5N is W3HNK. Photos and other information on the TI5KD station may be viewed at: <http://www.yantis.net/ti5kd/>
- Garth, VE3HO, is reporting that the **Ducie** cards are at the printer now and are expected to be out in mid to late June. There is a picture of the front of the card on the web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm>
- **CORRECTION.** Jim, N9TK, informs OPDX that the correct route for **VP6AJ**, **VP6VT** and **VP6TK** (all on Henderson Island) is via N9TK CBA (NOT via K9AJ as mentioned in OPDX.562). Cards already sent to K9AJ will be answered, and there is no need to send a second to N9TK.
- **STILL NEED A XF4MX QSL?** Bill, VE3CSK/VE3NH, suggests to try the following address: Radio Club Mexicano A.C., P.O. Box 19-500/510, Mixcoac, Mexico D.F. 03910.
- **NEED A QSL MANAGER?** Craig Turner, KA0CT, is available. His address is: PO Box 5766, Woodland Park, CO 80866 (Phone number 719-896-0114).

**R1, MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND.** By the time you read this, this operation will be winding down or QRT (May 30th). The main callsign that was used was **R1MVI**. QSL to via OH2BR. Operators involved were: OH2BR, OH5NE, OH9MM, RW1AC, RV1AW, RA1ACJ, UA1AKC, UA1ARX, UA2FZ, RW3QC, RW4WR and RA3AUU. Three of the five Russian operators are on the WRTC-2002 team (RW1AC-RW3QC, UA2FZ-RW4WR, RV1AW-RA3AUU) and were active in this past weekend's WPX CW Contest as **R1MVC**, **R1MVD** and **R1MVF**. QSLs for R1MVC, R1MVD and R1MVF will be sent via the bureau to everyone who made a contact. Please DO not send your cards!!!

**SPECIAL EVENT.** Dennis, ZS4BS, informs OPDX that the Midlands Amateur Radio Club in South Africa will be operating a final station from **Spionenkop** (scene of one of the bloodiest battles fought to relieve Ladysmith) on May 31st. This is the last time **ZS100ABW** will be on the air to commemorate the roles played by the British, Boers and Zulus during the Anglo Boer War of 1899-1902. All contacts will be acknowledged with an attractive QSL card. Please QSL either via the Bureau or direct to: Midlands Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 100220, Scottsville, 3209, South Africa. Any queries can be directed to Willie Axford, ZS5WI, by E-mail at:

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[seanfriend@dorea.co.za](mailto:seanfriend@dorea.co.za)

**TI, COSTA RICA.** Dick, W5AA, informs OPDX that he will be active as **W5AA/TI8** for one month from the remote location of **Pavones**, on the Pacific near the Panama border beginning **May 22nd or 23rd**.

**TN, CONGO.** By the time you read this, Josep/EA3BT and Nuria/EA3WL should be winding down their **TN3B** and **TN3W** operation. Remember, QSL both callsigns via EA3BT. Online logs are available on: <http://www.ea3bt.com/congo/congo-frequencies.htm>

**TY, BENIN (Update).** The French team has provided more information on their **July 15th to August 14th** operation to **Grand-Popo**, just near the southern border of Togo. Their shack will be 2 km away from the ocean. Their aim is to contact as many stations as possible from all continents, especially on WARC bands as well as low bands. 6m and SAT activities are also planned. Due to the proximity to Togo, they expect to transmit from the southern part of that country. At this time, they are looking to get a license but it is not a sure thing. In Benin, they know of several young guys who are really interested in ham-radio, but they don't have the money to pay for licences and gear. The team has asked for an extra license. Their antennas will stay there and they will provide a transceiver. They really hope to leave the country with at least 1 station (permanent resident) active from TY. Their relations with the OPT (Ministry of Telecommunications) was excellent during their operation last year. That is why they want to work hard to promote ham-radio in this country. So they are currently looking for donations. The DXpedition now has a Web page available at:  
<http://perso.wanadoo.fr/f5cwu/html/benin02.htm>

**WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND.** Steve, KU9C, will be here from **June 2-8th**. During this stay, which Steve says is primarily a vacation and a 'break' before the PW0T cards hit, he will be running as **WP2Z**. His plans are to operate the digital modes, 6 meters and the WARC bands as time permits. If anyone needs the USVI for a new one, he will try to help. Feel free to E-mail him at: [ku9c@arrl.net](mailto:ku9c@arrl.net)

**XV9, VIETNAM.** You still have a fews to contact Rolf, SM5MX, in Hanoi using the callsign **XV9SW** through **May 28th**. He has no antennas for lower bands, so he will be active mainly on CW and the higher bands. Rolf was active this past weekend in the **CQ WPX CW** Contest as a 21 MHz Low Power entry. QSL via SM3CXS as usual.

**ZONE 2 (IOTA Op).** The Castalia Island DX Association is proud to announce an upcoming DXpedition to **Baffin Island Canada**, VY0, IOTA NA-047, CQ Zone 2, from **June 15th through June 18th**. Current plans are for operations on 20, 15 and 10 meters during the evening hours from approximately 2200-0300z. Operations on the WARC bands may be attempted if time and conditions allow. The callsign for the DXpedition will be **K4UP/VY0**. QSLs go to the Castalia Island DX Assn. via K4UP.

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